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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: NYJR (CU/ARTS)

REF: A) STATE 122737; B) MOSCOW 7137

1. ALDRIEDGE ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE, WAS MET BY GOSKONTSERT OFFICIAL, AND AFTER SHORT STAY IN GOSK-ARRANGED HOTEL, DEPARTED AS SCHEDULED FOR ALMA-ATA WITH GOSK-PROVIDED TICKET, HAND-CARRYING FIFTEEN IDENTICAL PAISLEY TIES FOR MUSICIANS.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WITH MOSCOW SPORTS PALACE JUNE 19 AND WAS INFORMED ALL RPT ALL MOSCOW CONCERTS WILL TAKS PLACE IN SPORTS PALACE AS ROSSIYA CONCERT HALL PRESENTLY UNDER REPAIR. GOSK MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF CHANGE EARLY IN WEEK, AND ALTHOUGH EMBOFF RELAYED EMBASSY'S DISPLEASURE AT LATE NOTICE OF LOSS OF HIGH-PRESTIGE HALL, LITTLE COULD BE DONE AT LATE DATE IN VIEW ABSENCE MAJOR GOSK FIGURES DUE CHANGE IN PERSONNEL AND SUDDEN ILLNESSES. FYI BELIEVE DESPITE PRESTIGE OF ROSSIYA, EX EXTRA CONCERTS IN 12,000 SEAT SPORTS PALACE IN FACT TO OUR ADVANTAGE IN TERMS GREATER EXPOSURE. FACT CONCERTS ALL IN SAME HALL WILL GREATLY DECREASE TECHNICAL AND LOGISTICAL DIFFICULTIES END FYI.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE, AND AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST, PROTOCOL NIGHT SHIFTED FROM JULY 7 TO JULY 2. THREE SENATORS -- HUMPHREY, SCOTT, CULVER -- WILL BE AMBASSADOR'S GUESTS.

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4. ADVISE STATUS TRANSMITTAL JAZZ RECORDS (REFTEL A, PARA C)
AND VICTOR RELEASE (REFTEL B, PARA 1). POST RECEIVED BUTTONS,
ARMSTRONG BROCHURES AND RPO-PRODUCED BROCHURES ON JAZZ.
TIMELY RECEIPT (I.E. BY JULY 1) OF ADDITIONAL RECORES, ESPECIALLY
OF NYJR, WOULD ADD TO GROWING IMPACT OF TOUR.
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